

Growth of Nation/ Expansion

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President Jefferson's reasons for expansion...

- ▶ The government began purchasing land from other countries.
- ▶ Jefferson felt that the manifest destiny was correct and began taking over other territories.
- ▶ Due to the over population on the east coast. The Homestead Act in 1841 was passed that allowed people to purchase 160 acres in the west for a small price.

Manifest Destiny...

- ▶ “Manifest Destiny” - became a phrase commonly used to describe people’s feelings on how far west we could/should expand.
- ▶ While more settlers came to the east coast the nation was pushing farther and farther west into Indian and Mexican territory.

Lewis and Clark's expedition...

- ▶ Lewis and Clark were ordered by President Jefferson to explore the North West because it was unfamiliar at the time.
- ▶ They also created maps to show it's geography and make peace with the Indian Tribes living there, making them aware that this was US territory.

War of 1812...

- ▶ France and Britain were enemies and also in the middle of the Napoleonic Wars.
- ▶ They seized American ships for trading with one another.
- ▶ Impressment - 'stopping U.S. ships and taking sailors by force' the British did this because they were angry that they were losing sailors.
- ▶ Congress passed Jefferson's Embargo Act of 1807.
- ▶ Embargo Act - ended all trade with foreign countries.

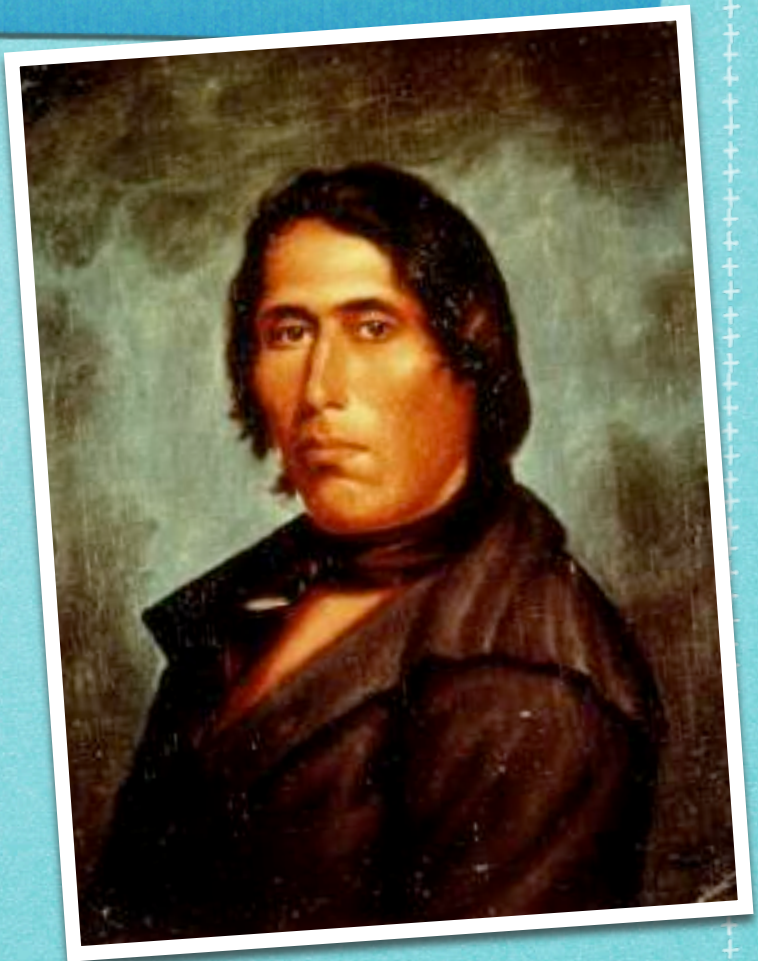
War of 1812...

- ▶ 1809 Jefferson repealed the Embargo Act.



Tecumseh...

- ▶ Shawnee Chief
- ▶ He tried to unite all of the Indian tribes to fight against the settlers from coming into Indian territories.
- ▶ Was allied with the British.



Trail of Tears / Indian Removal...

- ▶ From 1816-1840 Indian tribes were lifted from their territories and moved westward.
- ▶ Over 40 treaties were signed in removing tribes.
- ▶ Andrew Jackson passed the Indian Removal Act in 1830.
- ▶ They were given a days noticed to bring everything and anything they could carry and walked the hundreds of miles to their new territory. Many were shot for refusing to leave, or the died walking the entire distance in the cold.

Slavery...

- ▶ Missouri Compromise 1820 - Missouri wished to be a slave holding state, this would off set the balance in the Senate. Therefore, Maine became a free state and Missouri a slave holding state.
- ▶ Compromise of 1850 - Allowed California to be a free state, if stricter laws in the South were put into place. Such as, recapturing of runaway slaves in northern states.
- ▶ Kansas - Nebraska Act 1854 - Nebraska broke in half, allowing, by popular demand, whether or not that half wanted to be free or a slave holding state. Kansas after competing protests, and 50 deaths declared itself a free state.

Dred Scott Supreme Court Case...

- ▶ Dred Scott was a slave, his owner moved to a free slave state, and allowed him to be free. 5 1/2 years later Dred Scott's owner was forced to move to a slave state, and brought Scott with him. After the owners death. Scott brought a case to the supreme court fighting for his freedom due the the fact that he lived in a free state for so long.
- ▶ The court ruled that all territories could have slavery.

Mexican - American War...

- ▶ Manifest Destiny brought many conflicts because of who's land was who. American's felt that the Mexican Territory belonged to them. Therefore we broke out in was with the Mexicans.